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FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 3444 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 22ND

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 3444

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP EG

SUBJ: EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

REF: CAIRO 3241; STATE 94923

1. ON MAY 21 EMBOFF ENCOUNTERED DR. KAMAL EFFAT, MEMBER OF EGYPT'S NUCLEAR NEGOTIATING TEAM, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM US. DR. EFFAT INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT, WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS IN DRAFT FORM WHEN HE LEFT WASHINGTON AND WHICH DEPARTMENT TOLD HIM WAS POUCHED TO CAIRO ON MAY 10. DR. EFFAT SAID THAT IT IS MINISTER SULTAN'S INTENTION TO GO TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME IN MID-JUNE TO SIGN THE FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT AND,HOPEFULLY, TO NEGOTIATE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. DR. EFFAT THEREFORE ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE DRAFT FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT SOONEST# HE ALSO EXPECTS DRAFT COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WHICH HE SAYS THE DEPARTMENT ALSO PROMISED HIM "VERY SOON", WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR US.

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2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

CAN PROVIDE ON STATUS OF SRAFT SUPPLY CONTRACT AND
COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ALSO FOR OUR INFORMATION, WE WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW CURRENT STATE OF DEPARTMENT'S THIKING ON
TIMING OF SIGNING OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT IF NEGOTIATIONS
PROVE SUCCESSFUL.
EILTS UNQUOTE RUSH

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